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REMARKS

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1. On 7 July 1952, the Loewen Kaserne south of Highway 103 in Doeberitz (N 53 1/2 65) quartered about 500 men. At 9 a.m. on 19 June, 60 officers and 360 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 250 men with artillery insignia, 30 with signal and 20 with tank insignia had fallen in on the athletics field of the barracks installation. The soldiers had come from houses Nos 4, 6 and 14 of the installation. At the right wing of the formation, there was a band of 15 men. Then followed: a group of 60 men lined up in three rows, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying carbines, blankets and gasmasks; 30 men also wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with 4 heavy machine guns and rifles; about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns; about 35 men armed with 50-mm mortars; 30 men with submachine guns and rifles; 30 men armed with 4 heavy machine guns and rifles; 35 men armed with 6 x 50-mm mortars; and 30 men equipped with two portable radio sets, field telephones and cable reels. Five or 6 officers were observed at the right wing of each individual group. In front of the unit were 2 lieutenant colonels, one of them was the deputy to the commanding officer of the unit, and 6 to 8 other officers. After the unit had fallen in it marched to the training field of the installation led by the band, and passed in review in front of the commanding officer's deputy. The band returned after about 30 minutes, and the soldiers of the unit had returned to the barracks installation by 3:30 p.m. On 20 and 24 June, garage No 26 housed 10 T-34/85 tanks and garage No 31 16 such tanks.

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they were being maintained on 20 and 24 June. Four SP guns and 7 or 8 tanks were observed under a temporary open shed attached to garage No 33. On 20 and 24 June, 50 trucks parked in three rows in the former riding school north of building No 20.

The stables in the western section of building No 20 were also occupied by trucks. Eighteen 76.2-mm field guns and 15 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in the former stables in the southwestern section of the building. The AT guns were parked in individual stalls marked

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by sign boards. Three stalls were empty, however, they were also marked by sign boards. [] the pertinent gun data was painted on these boards. Twenty-five [] factory-new trucks and 8 x 120-mm mortars were parked in another stable in the southern section of the building. These mortars were also in stalls. Another stable housing 30 trucks parked in three rows was adjacent to the east. []

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[] all these stables definitely belonged to the unit quartered in the Loewen Kaserne, while the eastern wing of building 20 was occupied by trucks belonging to the unit from the Adler Kaserne. At 8 a.m. on 26 June, 30 trucks [] each occupied by 20 to 25 men and loaded with tents, beams and boards, passed through the southeastern entrance gate of the installation, headed toward the training field. At 11 a.m., 20 trucks []

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[] passed through the same gate. [] Six trucks each towed a 57-mm AT gun and four trucks each towed a 120-mm mortar. Each of these 10 trucks was occupied by 15 men, while the other 10 trucks were occupied by about 30 men each and loaded with tents, boards, billeting equipment and camouflage nets. At 6 p.m., eight trucks each of them towing a 76.2-mm field gun coming from the direction of building No 20 proceeded to the athletic field of the barracks installation. []

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Each of the trucks was occupied by 12 men who had come from building No 4. The eight trucks were accompanied by 3 van-type trucks, apparently repair shop trucks, 1 large radio truck and 3 or 4 jeeps,

[] The convoy then passed through the southeastern gate of the installation proceeding in the direction of the training field. At 9:30 p.m., the lieutenant colonel, the deputy to the commanding officer of Unit I, left the barracks installation in the direction of the training field in jeep []

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He was accompanied by a major and two EM. [] except for a rear detail of about

200 men, the Loewen Kaserne was empty. On 1 July, Colonel Koloskin (fnu), the commanding officer of Unit I, returned []

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[] At 10 a.m. on 3 July, the barracks installation was inspected by a general who had arrived in sedan [] Subsequently 17 T-34/35 tanks proceeded from garages Nos 29, 30 and 31 to the training field. []

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[] In the night of 3 July, elements of Unit I returned from the training field to the barracks installation. After that date, the installation quartered about 500 men. (1)

2. During the period from 1 to 7 July, the Adler Kaserne west of Loewen Kaserne was empty except for a rear detail. At 5 p.m. on 7 July, eight armored scout cars were observed near building No 15. (1)

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3. Between 3 and 8 p.m. on 2 July, equipment entrained at the Dallgow railroad station included: 4 trucks each with a 57-mm AT guns, 4 trucks each with a 122-mm field howitzers and 3 trucks loaded with billeting equipment. []

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[] A major of Unit I quartered in the Loewen Kaserne was seen at the railroad station. (2)

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5. At 11 a.m. on 10 July, [redacted] a camp at the Doeberitz troop training grounds, about 1.5 km northwest of Krampnitz, directly north of Highway 2. About 300 men, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 1 SP gun, 12 x 57-mm AT guns and about 20 trucks [redacted]

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6. Military equipment observed being loaded at the Dallgow railroad station on 2 July included: 4 x 76.2-mm field guns attached to 4 trucks; 4 x 122-mm field howitzers also attached to trucks; and trucks loaded with billeting equipment. [redacted]

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Sixty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the entraining operations. (2)

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7. In the afternoon of 2 July, eight trucks each of them towing guns were seen leaving the Adler Kaserne and Loewen Kaserne south of Highway 103. They were subsequently loaded on a train at the Dallgow railroad station. [redacted] the guns were 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and 4 AT guns. [redacted]

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8. At 7 a.m. on 24 June, five T-34/85 tanks [redacted] left the Neues Lager west of Altes Lager and proceeded through Rohrbeck in the direction of Doeberitz-West. At 11:45 a.m. on 26 June, 8 trucks, 5 of them towing 122-mm field howitzers coming from the direction of Doeberitz-West passed through Rohrbeck toward Finkenkrug. [redacted] At 10 a.m. on 28 June, the same convoy was observed during a halt between Rohrbeck and Finkenkrug. About 12 officers and 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen with the convoy. (1)

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9. During the period from 2 to 8 July, the Loewen Kaserne south of Highway 103 quartered a unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets some with tank and motor transport insignia. Building No 6 of the installation quartered soldiers of a rifle unit and a mortar unit in addition to signal troops and members of a band. Buildings Nos 4 and 5 quartered tank and AT artillery soldiers. The soldiers quartered in buildings Nos 2 and 3 and the officers from the upper story of building No 11 belonged to the unit quartered in the Adler Kaserne. The officers billeted on the ground floor of building No 11 belonged to the unit quartered in the Loewen Kaserne. At 4 p.m. on 4 July, Colonel Holoshkin (fnu) arrived at the installation [redacted] A short time later, a general arrived in sedan [redacted] this general lived in a villa in the Altes Lager opposite the saw mill. T-34 tanks [redacted] and other tanks [redacted] were seen at the barracks installation. In late May, factory-new trucks [redacted] arrived at the installation. [redacted]

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The soldiers quartered at the installation were served three hot meals per day, i.e. at 9 a.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. The officers were served noodles, meat, butter, milk and fruit juice, while the EM were served soups, i.e. groats, cabbage and noodles, a small piece of meat per day and a slice of bread at every meal. More substantial meals were served before marches. (1)

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11. At 5 a.m. on 6 July, eight JS tanks and 10 tents were observed near the church in the Altes Lager north of Highway No 103. A sentry was seen seated in a sedan. (1)

12. On 1 July, the Olympisches Dorf, 2 km west of Altes Lager quartered a unit of about 400 men, another unit of about 600 men, a headquarters consisting of about 100 administrative officers and a guard unit of about 30 men. [redacted] the majority of the troops normally stationed in the Olympisches Dorf was at the Templin (N 54/U 81) troop training grounds. They were expected to return about mid-October. No heavy weapons were seen in the Olympisches Dorf. The two units stationed there were equipped with hand arms and machine guns. They were daily given infantry training in the surrounding area. (4) Since mid-May, a varying number of athletes from military posts all over the Soviet Zone of Germany had been concentrated in the Olympisches Dorf for athletic competitions.

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Comments.

- (1) The observations in paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 8, 9 and 11 confirm that units of the 1st Mecz Div are still being rotated to the Doeberitz troop training grounds for training there. [redacted] From the detailed information on the troops quartered in the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne it can be inferred that the unit called Unit I, is a mechanized regiment of the division, probably the 19th Mecz Regt. The previously voiced assumption that the barracks installations mentioned might also quarter the 35th Mecz Regt and the 219th Tank Regt is not supported by these observations, although this possibility is not entirely excluded. [redacted] However, it appears possible that the eastern central and western portions of the entire barracks installation quarter one regiment each. [redacted]

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Colonel Holoshkin (fnu) who was previously known, is believed to be the commanding officer of one of the two units of the 1st Mecz Div quartered in the two barracks installations.

- (2) The entraining operation involved units of the 1st Mecz Div from the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne. The observation of 122-mm howitzers cannot be explained, as the units believed to be stationed in these installations are not equipped with such artillery pieces according to the supposedly valid T/E.

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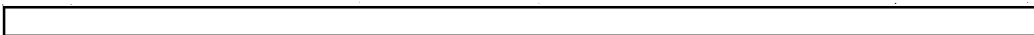
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The administrative officers observed possibly
attended a training course held at the village.

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